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1. IN CONNECTION WITH BRIEF DISCUSSION OF WESTERN PRO-
POSALS FOR REVISION OF GROUND FORCE DEFINITION DURING
DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET REPS KHLESTOV AND SMIRNOVSKY
ON OCTOBER 17 REPORTED REFTEL, US REP MENTIONED EARLIER
DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET REPS ON POSSIBILITY OF RECIPROCAL
BILATERAL EXCHANGE OF DATA ON US AND SOVIET GROUND FORCES
IN REDUCTION AREA. HE SAID SUCH AN EXCHANGE OF DATA
ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS MIGHT BE A USEFUL FIRST STEP

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TOWARDS REACHING AGREEMENT ON FORCE TOTALS ON BOTH

SIDES.

2. SMIRNOVSKY OBJECTED THAT FOR SOVIETS TO DO THIS
WOULD BE TO ACCEPT INTELLECTUAL BASIS OF WESTERN AP-
PROACH, I.E., GROUND FORCES ONLY AND FIRST PHASE OF
US AND SOVIETS. KHLESTOV SAID SOVIETS WOULD CONSIDER
THE IDEA AND RESPOND TO IT AT A LATER POINT. RESOR

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